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Debate loaded with attacks

By JENNIFER L. BROOKS
 Editor

Sniping attacks by the candidates on almost every issue characterized the debate between Vice President George Bush and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis on Sunday night. The 90-minute debate, located in Wake Chapel in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was separated into two periods, with a panel of four newspaper and television figures asking questions first about domestic issues and then about foreign. At least 100 million people were said to have watched the debate on nationwide television.

Before it began, NHC spokespersons who had been covering the candidates said that the major goals of the Dukakis campaign were to get the debate covered by circulating rumors and to have Dukakis avoid seeming like a "far-out liberal." Bush has accused Dukakis of liberalism in the past, riling federal liberal policies.

The goals of the Bush campaign were to have their candidate come across as "presidential," to spell out broad themes and not make any big mistakes.

Both candidates followed their goals admirably, but beyond the personal attacks and innuendos, very little new material was introduced.

Dukakis attacked the Reagan administration for its attitude

toward the homeless people of America, for its narcotics policies and for cutting domestic programs, such as health care and educational monies, in favor of a Star Wars "fantasy."

Bush in turn attacked the Democrats for its deficit when the Republicans came into office in 1980, for weakness in defense and for Dukakis' stand with the ACLU. He is apparently a card-carrying member of the group.

The candidates also agreed to disagree on the issue of abortion. Dukakis favors the right to choose, while Bush believes that abortion should be illegal.

Dukakis' questioning of what Bush would do to those who had abortions anyway led to the first and only bloop in Bush's campaign as he struggled to formulate an answer, finally saying he hadn't worked out all the details yet.

Dukakis said he favors having all but the smallest companies provide health insurance for their employees, because "some people can not now afford it."

Bush countered, "One thing I will not do is sock every business in the country and thus throw some Americans out of work."

Dukakis favors following a federal panel's recommendation on

AIDS and allowing new drugs to be introduced on the market to combat the disease's effects.

Bush endorsed testing for AIDS but didn't specify what type of program. He also said the federal government would do everything possible to be "sure that the blood supply is pure."

When Bush said that the main solution to the drug use problem was strict values in the schools, Dukakis took the opportunity to bring up the Reagan administration's dealings with Gen. Manuel

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Homecoming finalists announced

The 1988 Homecoming Queen finalists were announced late yesterday by Savette Redwine.

The finalists, with their sponsoring organizations, are: Jill Brookbank, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Joy Brookbank, Theta Chi; Dana Dotson, Alumni Tower; Donna Edgington, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Janet Ferguson, Sigma Nu; Jill Irvin, Chi Omega; Georganna Lester, Nann Hall; Denise Metcalf, Bowling Club; Ada Miracle, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Kelly Newson, Delta Gamma; and Cindy Patrick, Fastbreaks Dance Team.

Senior Opportunity Days draw 1,246

By JENNIFER L. BROOKS
 Editor

A total of 1,246 students from 14 different high schools in the area crowded onto MSU's campus during Senior Opportunity Days, Sept. 20-22.

Besides getting students out of class for a day, this trip was designed to be an educational purpose, according to Rhonda Baldwin, coordinator of recruiting activities.

Baldwin said, "The goal of the program is to expose seniors to a college campus and to show them there are opportunities for them after high school graduation."

"The real fun days we enjoy doing the program," she said. "Providing students with opportunities. That's the philosophy for university enrollment services."

The program began at 8:30 a.m. when the students first arrived and unloaded. Data cards were filled

out and group pictures were taken by the school mascot until 10 a.m.

Then the students were transported down to Button Auditorium for the next hour where they heard from Baldwin, Andy Parker, SGA president and NSU President, C. Nelson Grote before seeing the "Welcome to Morehead State University" video presentation. On the third day of activities, Grote was unable to attend and was replaced by Mike Mincey, vice-president of student activities.

They then played "Wheel of Fortune," with Dennis McKay, hall director at Wilson, serving as Pat Sajak, Robin Vest, Dennis McVann for the first two days and Carin Caplinger for the final day.

A video called the "Choices of Our Lives" was shown next featuring students from the schools present on that given day.

Baldwin said she, Dallas Sammons, Greg Strouse, Mike Ehrig and Chris Affinis collaborated on this project.

"We put it together in about 45 minutes as they come in," Baldwin said. "It's based on Johnny Carson's 'As the Skomach Turns' and the kids get really excited when they see someone from their school."

"It's probably my favorite part of the show," she said.

For appearing in the "Wheel of Fortune" and the "Choices of Our Lives," students received \$25 gift certificates. "That's how we get them to do it," Baldwin said.

At 11 a.m. came the first major split with last year's programming. This year, coordinators decided to have students taken around campus in an orderly fashion to the different departments to let them see university life from end to end.



Morehead State's juniors and seniors in the Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) have a good time canoeing in Stony Cove at

Cave Run Lake on a Field Training Exercise. Photo/Tammy Thompson

Possible concerts discussed

By RICK LAFFERTY
 News Editor

Discussion at last week's SGA meeting again focused on entertainment and what kind of concerts would get more students to attend.

President Andy Parker said he was disappointed by the low stu-

dent turnout at the Exile concert. The SGA lost about \$11,000 on the show, according to Bernard McKay, treasurer. He said the figure is only an estimate because two ticket outlets had not reported in yet.

"We set the show up to coincide with the Harvest and Hardwood Festival," said Dennis O'Hara, public relations officer. "We expected to draw a lot of people from the festival than we did."

It was suggested that the SGA should stay away from country groups in the future, but Larry Stephenson, faculty adviser and one of the best turnouts ever was for a country performer, Hank Williams, Jr.

Stephenson added that it might be a good idea not to book another

country group this year since Ricky Skaggs will be this semester's second country show.

Chris Hart, program director, gave a list of bands and comedians who are touring this fall and might be available for a November concert. The list included Cheap Trick, Joan Jetz, Steve Miller, Mike and the Mechanics, Benny Loggins and Simply Red. The comedians touring are Gallagher, Jerry Piscope, George Carlin, and Harry Anderson.

The idea of not having a November concert has been brought up, along with a suggestion to poll students to find out who they would like to see in the spring. Hart said it had been done

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Sixth minority alliance deals with politics

By BRIAN E. DAVIS
 Staff Writer

As blacks and other minorities are getting more involved with the political mainstream, there needs to be a better conscience of issues that affect this country's minorities today.

This is one of the many points brought out last weekend as a delegation of MSU students attended the Sixth Annual Alliance of Black Student Organizations Leadership Conference held at Marshall University.

The conference, themed "Blacks and Politics," was attended by 12 other colleges and universities, such as Purdue University, Western Michigan University and Kent State.

The Alliance originated here at MSU as the King Conference in 1963 as an effort to make Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a state holiday. It has a present purpose of networking with other black student organizations that are chartered to predominantly white colleges and universities in order to share ideas with one another so that they may bring these shared ideas back to their respective campuses.

This may have been the best conference in recent years, according to Jerry Gore, director of minority student affairs here at MSU.

This is the finest conference the leadership that has been simplified

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Bowling team wins!

By JOHND L. WIREMAN
 Sports Editor

The men's and women's bowling team won the Eastern Kentucky University tournament held in Lexington at Joyland Bowling Lanes. Morehead's was the only full women's team entered. ERU and Middle Tennessee had partial teams.

The singles results are as follows: fourth place, Angie Horn, freshman; third place, Tracy Burkhardt, sophomore; second place, Chris Bewick, senior and first place, Sharon Todd, senior.

Members of the all-tournament team were Todd, Bewick, Burkhardt and Lisa McGinnis, a senior.

Members of the MSU men's bowling team are listed with their scores.

MSU A-team: Scott Johnson, senior, 225; Andy Parker, senior, 203; Bill Watson, senior, 197; Mike Day, junior, 194 and Steve Todd, senior, 191.

MSU B-team: Bill Baylog, freshman, 210; Bob Watson, sophomore, 202; Jeff Zaccala, freshman, 194; Leroy Moore, sophomore, 189 and Jay Henderson, freshman, 174.

MSU C-team: Steve Berriemack, Dave Cramer, Tony Cravens, John Helton and Herb Murphy.

Scott Johnson, Andy Parker, Bill Baylog and Steve Todd were named to the all-tournament team. Bill Baylog had a 278 game for the men's high game.



Dennis McKay, director of Thompson Hall, conducts the "Wheel of Fortune" during

Senior Opportunity Days on Sept. 20-22. Photo/Tim Conn

MSU Briefly Writing contest begins

Inscope, MSU's student literary and art magazine, is sponsoring a contest for student writers.

First place awards of \$50 each and second place awards of \$25 each will be presented to winners in the Poetry and Short Story competitions.

The competition is open to all MSU students, whether full or part-time. "We also encourage entries from our students taking classes at our regional centers," said Mitchell Boisseau, associate professor of English and magazine sponsor.

Winning entries, along with those achieving honorable mention status, will be published in the Spring 1989 issue of *Inscope*.

All works submitted will be judged by professionals and winners will be announced at a Fine Arts Showcase on November 15 in the gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building.

Additional information on the competition and submission procedures may be obtained by calling Boisseau at 783-2201.

Dinner and dance slated

The MSU Cosmopolitan Club is sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner and Dance at 7 p.m. Friday at the Cross-Lockin House.

Members and friends are invited to attend. Each is asked to bring a meal item; otherwise, admission is \$2.

The organization has also announced the election of officers for the 1988-89 academic year.

Electors were Ong Kok Koo, president; Mary Perry, vice president; Gladys Owens, secretary; Anya Nicodhanon, treasurer; Belinda Ong, programs director; Chando Mapoma, publicity director; and Dominique Ah Chong, sports director.

Pi Gamma Mu honored

MSU's Kentucky Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, international honor society in the social sciences, has again been placed on the society's National Roll of Merit.

This distinction was awarded the MSU chapter for participation by faculty and students, financial responsibility, chapter organization and election and initiation of members.

"Pi Gamma Mu" chapters train good students in leadership skills," said Ina Turner Gray, executive director of Pi Gamma Mu, in announcing the award. "These are the students who not only make the difference in our societies but who make the difference in the world."

MSU decreases loan default rate

Rate is still four percent higher
than the national average

By LEIGH ANN BLACKBURN
Staff Writer

In one year, MSU has reduced its NSLI (National Direct Student Loan) default rate by nearly four percent.

One of several federal student aid programs, the NSLI—also known as the Perkins loan—has come under fire nationally in recent years because of a high rate of default. Participating institutions are facing a federal mandate to be more aggressive in collecting these loans. Repayment begins six months after graduation.

Because MSU has been closely following newly-established federal regulations, this sharp drop in losses has been expected, according to F.D. Donaldson, MSU student loan collector.

"NSLI is a loan program and students who fund their education with it are expected to repay it," Donaldson stated.

On June 30, 1987, MSU's default rate was 12.35 percent, while the national average was 8.2 percent and the state percentage tested at 8.71.

One year later, on June 30, 1988, the MSU rate had dropped to 8.57 percent, and it went still lower at the end of July of 1988 to 8.1 percent.

Current national and state averages were not available for

comparison, but Donaldson noted that federal guidelines list 7.5 percent as an acceptable default rate.

In the fall of 1987, MSU had 824 students financing their education under the NSLI program. "That translates into \$280,370 in loans. As the federal funds put into the program diminish, it becomes more and more important that we regain funds loaned," she explained.

"The loan program is a revolving fund and when a student neglects to pay back a loan, it may deprive another student of badly needed funds for school."

The government has given institutions very specific guidelines to be followed in collecting loans. In the past, many institutions were reluctant to sue for defaults. Now, however, lawsuits are to be a must, but only as a last resort.

"Loan holders receive a variety of warnings before this step is taken and we don't let them get too far behind in payments before initiating steps to collect," Donaldson explained.

After a certain amount of time, the debt is turned over to a private collection agency and if that agency is unsuccessful, it goes to a second private agency. Donaldson said much of this can be avoided if a loan holder will come to her and talk. In many cases, restructure of repayment plans can be arranged.

Career Information Day to be held next Wednesday

By LEIGH ANN BLACKBURN
Staff Writer

More than 30 employers are expected to participate in the action of MSU's 11th annual Career Information Day.

The event is scheduled to take place Wednesday, Oct. 5, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. in the Crager Room of ADUC.

"Career Day is designed to provide the opportunity for students to talk with employers on an informal basis," stated Dr. Michael Hopper, Career Planning and Placement, director and coordinator of the event.

The event is open to all students, without regard to classification or major.

"Employers from business, government, industry and education have accepted our invitation to attend," noted Hopper. Among those attending are the U.S. Air Force, Ashland Oil, the Social Security Administration, the FBI, Electronic Data Systems and the IRS. "Other organizations are being added daily," he said.

For more information, students may call the Office of Career Planning and Placement located in Allen Young 321, or call (606) 783-2233.

RHA execs hold conference

By JENNIFER BOONE
Staff Writer

A Leadership Conference was held on Thursday, Sept. 22, to bring together the executive members of each hall council.

All members were divided into groups according to their positions to be advised of their duties.

The group of hall presidents and vice presidents, advised by Madonna Huffman, director of residence

education and Derrick Come, RHA president, were told of their duties and given other information that is needed to run their hall.

The intramural directors were advised by Mickey Ward, director of intramural and recreational activities. These students were advised how to set up activities within the halls and how to organize the teams for competition.

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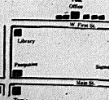
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SPORTS

Eagles fall to 1-3; Liberty victorious

By JOHNNIE L. WIREMAN
Sports Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the MSU Eagles travelled to Lynchburg City Stadium in Lynchburg, Va., to take on Liberty University.

MSU was defeated by Liberty by a score of 34-9.

During the first quarter, quarterback Chris Swartz attempted twelve passes of which 9 were completed for 51 yards. At the end of the first quarter, Liberty University was up by 14-0.

The Eagles saw some action during the second quarter. With 9:29 remaining, Jeff Hester, senior outside linebacker, returned a pass interception 65 yards for MSU's only touchdown. Two seconds were left in the first half and MSU kicker, Steve Toy, kicked a

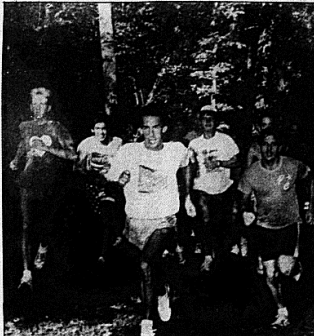
37-yard field goal. When the buzzer sounded to end the quarter, Liberty led MSU, 17-9.

Liberty scored 2 touchdowns in the third quarter. The score at the end of the third quarter was 31-9 with Liberty leading the Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, Liberty kicked a field goal and the outcome of the game was Liberty University, 34, Morehead State, 9.

Jeff Hester, a 5'11, 200-pound senior linebacker from Lancaster, Ky. and Garrard Co. High School, has been named the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player for his play in the Eagles' loss to Liberty.

The next playing time for the football game will be Saturday, Oct. 1, when MSU will host Samford. Kick off time will be 1:30 p.m. at Jayne Stadium.



The MSU cross country team keeps in shape by running through City Park. The next meet for the team is Saturday, Oct. 1. Photo/Tim Conn

Women's tennis team continues winning

By ROBERT STAGGS
Staff Writer

Morehead State University's women's tennis team continued their winning streak by defeating Northern Kentucky University.

The Lady Eagles were victorious by a score of 7-2. They are 3-0 on the season.

"They have never really been that strong of a team," commented Kate McKay, an NKU's performance. "We just have the upper edge against them."

MSU was scheduled to play St.

Clair College last Friday, but Mother Nature took her course with a downpour.

The Lady Eagles were winning by a score of 2-1 with three players remaining on the courts.

When asked about the season, Kathy Langley stated, "We are playing better this year than we did last year. I think we will do good. I can't guarantee that we will win, but we will be ready for them."

Morehead's next match is scheduled on Oct. 8 against University of Cincinnati.

Lady Eagles win tournament

By KELLY ELAM
Staff Writer

The Morehead State Lady Eagles volleyball team improved their season record to 16-3 as they won the Stetson Invitational Tournament in Deland, Fla. last weekend.

The Lady Eagles dominated the tournament, losing only one game and no matches. In taking the tournament championship, the

Eagles defeated Bethune-Cookman, Nichol State, Stetson University, Jacksonville and Central Florida.

Two members of the squad were selected to the all-tournament team. Those players were Missy Papai and Doyle Hammetree. Hammetree said that all-around, this year's team is better than the team which won the OVC last year.

Head Coach Jim McClellan said, "I was very pleased with the way

MSU baseball team keeping busy schedule

By SCOTTIE BILLITER
Staff Writer

Morehead State University's baseball team has been into action this past week against Georgetown College and Marshall University.

On Tuesday against Georgetown, the Eagles used some good plays to win the first game of a doubleheader by the score of 14-6 and then, in the second game, lost a good 7-1 lead to lose the ballgame by a final score of 9-8.

According to Coach Steve Hamilton, "We played really well and made some good plays in the first game. Even in the second game, we played well for the first three or four innings before losing a 7-1 lead to lose the ballgame 9-8. That's not what we had in mind."

On Thursday, against a stronger Marshall team, MSU split another doubleheader 5-6 and 10-9, respectively.

In the first game, Morehead played well for the most part but

made some crucial errors late in the game to cause the loss by the score of the 5-6. However, in the second game, MSU fought back hard to avenge the earlier loss by a final score of 10-9.

These were two good games. Marshall is a talented team. We played good in both games, but did make some late mistakes," commented Coach Hamilton.

According to Hamilton, David Wheeler has been playing really well. Wheeler has two home runs for the young fall season.

MSU now 4-2 on the season, will face Marshall again in a doubleheader in Huntington, W. Va., today.



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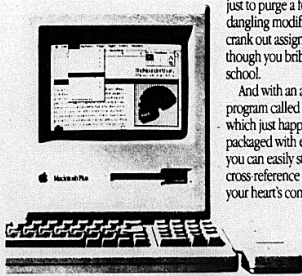
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This means that the accounts for housing, tuition and parking have more funds in them than expected. So where is all this extra money going?

At a time when classes are overflowing, faculty and staff are overworked, and students are overlooked, the University should distribute any revenues it may obtain evenly among the entire University community. Instead of worrying about future recruiting, the administrators should to finally think about doing something about the serious retention problems that we face.

Students leave MSU because they cannot obtain the education they were promised by the admissions counselors. Why don't they receive that education? Because we are losing some of our most qualified instructors who are not paid at a rate commensurate with their talents, abilities and knowledge. We cannot attract top professors without offering them competitive remuneration.

Would it help if faculty were given pay raises? Somewhat, but the labs in which those professors are to teach are so outdated that they have the appearance of the lab in which Dr. Frankenstein created his monster.

In order to complete an education students must have the proper equipment and facilities. MSU administrators should consider the slogan us-

ed by the United Negro College Fund: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Students consider themselves as human beings and, for some strange reason, expect to be treated as such. Everyone likes to get special treatment sometimes. When housing shortages were expected, administrators quickly moved extra beds into residence hall rooms. Then, when everyone arrived for check-in we found that Nunn Hall was equipped with sofa beds.

Granted, facilities had to be provided and buying the sofa beds does make more sense than buying beds. However, why were those sofa beds not put in one of the low-rise Mignons. The rooms in Nunn Hall are larger than the Mignons and have double-bowl basins, a full-size tub and dressing rooms off the side of the bedrooms. On the other hand, the Mignons' basins are in the bedroom and the dressing areas are in the hallway that connects the bedrooms and living areas.

Not only does funding need to be spread evenly, but so does common courtesy. Instead of administrators sitting in their ivory towers catering to each other, they need to pay a visit to the classrooms and residence halls and hear what the students have to say. Problems such as housing sign-ups, preregistration and arena registration also need to be addressed if the University wants to keep the students it has worked so hard to recruit.

When we at *The Trail Blazer* say that the wealth needs to be spread throughout the University we are not only talking about money, but the entire realm of problems.



Readers respond

Students' special needs ignored

With the recent publicity concerning the problems faced and endured by the handicapped students around the state, I would like to raise the same issue here on MSU's campus.

After being in a wheelchair for four and a half years, I finally got my courage up to return to MSU this fall, and pick where I left off with my studies five years ago. I knew it wouldn't be easy and it hasn't been. All of the people I have talked to seem nice and polite, but they don't have any more answers to the problems than I do.

I have run into three problems since returning to school this fall. The first two are general ones, but the last one I took personally.

At registration there were tables set up for both foreign students and minorities. It would be really nice if a table for handicapped students was set up to help us during registration.

I have also found that the handicap parking spaces are the most popular ones all over campus. I believe that,

stricter enforcement against violators should be applied to this problem, both day and night.

The problem that really upsets me is the one I have run into in my classes. Tables, chairs and desks are supplied for each and every student — or at least that is what I thought!

I have a standard wheelchair that is manually operated. It has neither arm, leg or foot rests. After the first year (I am taking night classes) of balancing my books on my legs and taking notes on my lap, I made what I thought at the time a simple request for a small folding table.

That was five weeks ago. I am still doing my "juggling act" with my books and paper.

During this time I've been told that there is no room for a table and if there were, it would block an aisle and be a fire hazard for the students. But what I was told today really got under my skin.

I was given the choice of purchasing a brief case, struggling on as I had been or dropping the class.

First of all, I can't see how a folding table that is brought out for use one night a week is any greater fire hazard than my sitting in a wheelchair on the fourth floor of a crowded room with no escape should there be a fire.

Second, I have absolutely no use for a briefcase. That would only add another (larger) item for me to balance and keep up with.

And last, but not least, I am not a quitter! It took me four and a half years to get my nerve up just to return to college and if I have to do my "juggling act" to get my education, then so be it!

There are a lot of problems facing handicapped students here at MSU. This letter doesn't even scratch the surface. And if there is anyone who doesn't think so, just borrow a wheelchair and take a stroll!

K. Sue Black
Morehead

Can't wait a week?

On September 15, Kentucky Democrats Carroll Hubbard, Chris Perkins and William Natcher voted with 225 other House members to delete the Brady Amendment from the recently passed anti-drug bill and continue making it relatively easy in most states for criminals to buy handguns.

Why did these democrats split with their presidential nominees, the party platform, and common sense to side with George Bush and the National Rifle Association?

The Brady Amendment would have required any person buying a handgun to wait seven days before picking it up. That period would have given the local law officials sufficient time to do a background check to determine whether a buyer had a criminal record or a history of mental illness. The bill would also have given those individuals who would purchase a gun to use in a crime of passion

a "cooling off" period to rethink their actions.

The amendment was sponsored by Rep. Edward Feighnon (D-Ohio) and had the support of every major law enforcement organization in the country. It was named for Presidential Press Secretary James Brady who suffered brain damage when he was shot by John Hinckley in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

The problem is that the powerful gun lobby has convinced everyone, including legislators, that any measure toward some gun control are the first steps to a ban on private gun ownership. That just isn't the case.

Any realistic war on drugs has to address the issue of making it more difficult for these criminals to obtain weapons. The Brady Amendment would have done this but was defeated by those legislators that failed to stand up to the N.R.A.

Right to bear arms, right now!

Once again congress has struck down a piece of national gun control legislation. On the surface this law would impose a seven day waiting period on handgun buyers.

By Steven Little
Contributing Writer

This waiting period is intended to allow police to check into a person's police and mental health record.

The law would also require the dealer and serial number of the intended purchaser.

If the intent is only to prevent criminals from getting handguns, why is all this information required? Anyone purchasing a handgun under this law would be permanently recorded in police data banks. Whenever anyone denied a handgun would leave no such record.

This situation reminds me of a furor that arose several years ago over the FBI maintaining dossiers on private citizens suspected of subversive activities.

It seems to me that anyone who opposed the intrusion of government into private lives in this case would also oppose an intrusion as the Brady Amendment would impose.

Obviously the Brady Amendment was a backdoor attempt at national

firearms registration.

My greatest objection to the Brady Amendment is not the waiting period or registration. It is the ineffectiveness of any gun control law in controlling crime. I feel that any diminution of personal freedom without a significant benefit to society is tyranny, a concept which is supported by the tenth article of the Bill of Rights.

According to a Nov. 1981, Department of Justice survey, "There is little evidence that gun ownership among the general population is a significant cause of criminal violence."

This statement is supported by the fact that although gun ownership has tripled in the past decade, overall crime rates have remained relatively stable.

For the past decade, Uniform Crime Reports published by the FBI show that when firearms are difficult to obtain, criminals simply resort to other weapons. In fact, in the case of robbery the most commonly used weapons are strongarm tactics.

The problem of crime is too complex to solve simply by restricting certain weapons. In most states convicted felons may not even possess handguns, or in some cases firearms in general.

According to the Kentucky Revised Statutes, it is a class D felony, punishable by five years in prison, for a convicted felon to possess a handgun. Also, anyone who commits a felony using a firearm is ineligible for probation.

Proponents of the Brady Amendment argue that anyone can go into a gun shop and purchase a handgun with no questions asked. This is not true. All gun dealers require picture identification which proves that the carrier is over 21 but the customer wishes to buy a handgun.

According to Title 18 of the United States code, a dealer can be sentenced to seven years in a federal prison for knowingly selling a firearm to a convicted felon or minor. In addition, he would lose his license and would be out of business.

The Justice Department survey concluded that the 20,000 gun control laws already on the books have little or no effect on crime. It is unrealistic to expect the Brady Amendment to be any more effective. In other words, it would have no significant social benefit.

Former Chief Justice Earl Warren once wrote "...we must be on guard against the diminution of our rights through the excessive fear for our security."

ENTERTAINMENT

AIM presents opening concert

BY CARIN H. CAPLINGER
Entertainment Writer

Duncan Recital Hall was host to the Chestnut Brass Company Monday night.

This was the first concert in the Arts In Morehead (AIM) series and a large number of both faculty and students were present in the crowded auditorium.

The Chestnut Brass Company consisted of a quintet that played quite a number of instruments and music that consisted with the musical period.

Music and instruments from Baroque to Contemporary were both heard and seen.

The members included Bruce Harrie, trumpet; Tom Cook, trumpet; Marian Hesse, french horn; David Vining, trombone and Jay Krush, tuba. These musicians are the Ensemble-In-Residence, Hogg College of Music, Temple University.

From these instruments, they proceeded to play some rather odd looking things (I call these things for a very good reason).

First, they played a natural trumpet, something that resembled a bugle. Then they moved on to

a cornetto which is a woodwind stick that is covered with leather and has a brass mouthpiece as well as key holes, such as the early flute.

Finally, they progressed to the Big Band Era, and "retroactive horns" were introduced. This means just the way it sounds. The bell points backwards. When being played, it looked like it was strangling the musician.

The program consisted of a march, a Jean-Baptist Arban quickstep, renaissance selections and a quintet.

After the ten minute intermission, the Olympic fanfare, a french contemporary number and some selections of 19th Century American Brass Band Music were played. The group concluded with Porter Suite.

The quintet had an encore performance and played an obvious favorite, Gershwin.

The audience left with a wide knowledge of older instruments and a good example of finely played music.

The next concert in this series is North Carolina Shakespeare which is scheduled for October 28 at 8 p.m. and will be located in Button Auditorium.



Various instruments and styles of music were presented by the members of the Chestnut Brass Company Monday night.

Photo/Jim Hamm

Skaggs will perform

MSU's Academic-Athletic Center will host country music recording artist Ricky Skaggs on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. in conjunction with the University's 1988 Homecoming activities.

An Eastern Kentucky native, Skaggs is a constant hit maker on the music charts. Three of his albums, *Waitin' For The Sun To Shine*, *Highways and Heartaches* and *Don't Cheat In Our Town* were gold and platinum sellers in the United States and Canada while *Country Boy* also went gold in Canada.

Since he began performing with his family at county fairs and town square, the age of Ricky Skaggs has become a skilled musician on the guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle. He has performed with the Clinch Mountain Boys, the Whites, Keith Whitley and Emmylou Harris.

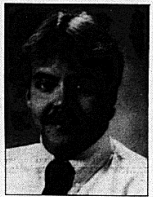
Skaggs has appeared on several TV shows including *Hee Haw*,

Music City News Awards, Today Show and Solid Gold and has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1982.

The opening act for Skaggs will be Sweethearts of the Rodeo. The California natives, Janni Gill and Kristine Arnold, have been compared to the Everly Brothers because of the harmony of their voices.

The sister duo, now with a second album to their credit, received national attention for five hit singles from their debut album, "Hey, Day, Baby," "Since I Found You," and "Midnight Highway-Sound Town."

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$6 for MSU faculty and staff, and \$3 for MSU students with valid I.D. cards. MSU alumni may receive a 20 percent discount by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at (606) 783-2086.



Marc Whittlock

Dr. Alan Hersh, considered one of today's outstanding pianists, will present a guest recital in Duncan Recital Hall. File Photo



Student to receive \$500

By LYNNE FISHER
Entertainment Editor

\$500 has been awarded to Marc Whittlock, recipient of the 1988 Philip M. Conley Memorial Music Scholarship according to Dr. Christopher Gallaher, MSU Department of Music chair, and Robert F. Horvath, executive vice president of the MSU Foundation.

Whittlock, a MSU music major, is a graduate of Russell High School. At MSU he is a member of the Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble and the Marching Band.

The Philip M. Conley Award was established by family and friends of and named for Philip M. Conley, a graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School, died on July 5, 1981 as a result of an automobile accident in route to Cincinnati where he was a member of the Pride of Cincinnati, Drum and Bugle Corps.

He would have entered MSU that fall with a full music scholarship and planned to teach instrumental and vocal music. Contributions earmarked for the Philip M. Conley Memorial Music Scholarship Fund may be made through the Trust Department, First American Bank, 1544 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101.

As Is auditions scheduled

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 and 4, auditions will be held at 3 p.m. in the Kibbey Theatre for *As Is*, the second mainstage production of the MSU Theatre season.

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Country music recording artist Ricky Skaggs will perform as part of the Homecoming activities. File Photo

WMKY Highlights

Friday, Sept. 30

CHALLENGE '88 SPECIAL
• An evening with...Dave Robinson & Friends. LIVE jazz from the WMKY studios at 7 p.m.
• Portraits in Blue: Jump Blues of Trenter-Griffin Brothers at 10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

CHALLENGE '88 SPECIAL
• Bluegrass Diversion: LIVE music with Pat Cleary and C. Roger Lewis, with host John Skaggs at 1 p.m.
• Eagle Sports Network: MSU Eagles vs. Samford at 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2

CHALLENGE '88 SPECIAL
• Jazzline: Host Paul Hitchcock welcomes jazz keyboardist Jay Pippin. LIVE from the WMKY studio at 10 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3

• WMKY Supper Club: Jazz with host Paul Hitchcock at 7 p.m.
• Piano jazz: Host Marian McPartland begins her tenth season with Norma Tugendson as her guest at 10 p.m.

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SGA concerts

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in the past, but there are difficulties in booking the groups that are invariably at the top of the list.

In other business:
* A motion was approved unanimously to allow up to \$550 to send three representatives from the SGA to the National Association of Collegiate Activities (NACA) regional convention in Louisville.

Debate

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Noriega of Panama, who has been indicted on drug trafficking charges in the United States.
"Values begin at the top," he said, calling Noriega a "drug running Panamanian dictator." He asked the audience what kind of example Reagan and Bush were setting for American children. Dukakis also brought up the Iran-contra affair, asking for records to be released that would

Hart said that the convention showcases acts who are available to colleges and universities in this part of the country.

The acts are not big-name performers, but the SGA usually uses two or three NACA shows a year to provide entertainment between major concerts, according to Hart.

prove Bush's involvement once and for all.

General consensus of the debate appears to be that the candidates came out about even.

The second debate is slated to take place in Los Angeles in mid-October. The candidates' running mates will debate on Oct. 5 in Omaha, Neb.

Alliance

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among the alliance itself, and the increased support of the universities that have sponsored the conference," he said.

He also stated that the MSU delegation with its 12 members was one of — if not the — strongest delegation there.

"The delegation was very outstanding," said Gore. "It was highly prepared for the conference as it articulated the needs of minority students on traditionally white campuses."

Two of MSU's delegates, Anthony Gaines, a sophomore government major from Cincinnati and Jalecia Sutton, a junior philosophy major from Washington, D.C., were elected to the Executive Board of the Alliance of Black Student Organizations.

Gaines, MSU's Black Worship Experience campus minister, was elected to the executive board as chaplain and Sutton, co-founder of MSU's newest student organization, LaDien, was re-elected to a second term as historian.

Gaines feels that the conference could be beneficial to every black college student.
"I feel that every black student should attend the conference in order to broaden their perspective of the political world," he said.

The conference was highlighted by presentations by Dr. William Parker, vice chancellor of minority student affairs at the University of Washington, and Dennis Rabin Watson, the executive director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council, headquartered in New York.

Next year's conference will be held at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

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By JOE MAGARAC
Sensitive Advice Columnist

Dear Aged One,

I get so tired of my government classes & the instructor's preaching about getting out to vote. I don't like any of the candidates, so why should I?

Soph

Dear Turned Off,

If you don't vote, don't crab! If you don't put in your two cents worth, then don't expect any change!

Yer ol' man

Dear Ol'Man,

My roommate is religious and drivin me crazy sayin alla time, "where are you gonna spend eternity?". Whadda I tell him?

Turned off

Dear Semister,

'Is the way your grammar is, tell him English Comp 101...

Dear Joe,

I'm a non-traditional student here. I know I'm a hoidover from the sixties, what with my dress, the way I speak, and all, but tell me what to do! No one takes me seriously!

60's Burnout

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